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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public webinar meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a one-day webinar meeting to address the Council's Terms of Reference contained in the agenda in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on May 29, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** You may join the SSC Webinar meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone by entering the following address:

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903; telephone: (787) 766-5926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The agenda will consist of the discussion of the following Terms of Reference:

1. Confirm the landings year sequence to be used to calculate the sustainable yield level (SYL) for Puerto Rico recreational jacks;
2. Clarify the process for calculating SYL and acceptable biological catch (ABC) for stock complexes with two indicator species (Tier 4a);
3. Finalize indicator species selection for Grouper Unit 5 and Snapper Unit 3 in St. Croix and for Grouper Unit 4 in St. Thomas/St. John;
4. Reconsider tier assignment for Grouper Unit 4 (St. Thomas/St. John) and Grouper Unit 5 (St. Croix) presently assigned to Tier 4b;
5. Reconsider ad hoc ABC for St. Croix queen conch;
6. Determine whether to use the alternative year sequences for St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John proposed by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (Tiers 4a and 4b);
7. For each stock/complex included in Tier 4b, a) establish scalar for determining SYL, and b) finalize scientific uncertainty buffer for SYL to ABC;
8. Clarify whether to include an additional buffer reduction to account for scientific uncertainty resulting from the reallocation of unspecified landings (Tiers 4a and 4b);
9. Address the Council's directive to remove additional reductions proposed by the

SSC to be applied to the SYL for ecologically important species; and

10. Address the summary report from the February/march 2018 SSC meeting

This webinar meeting will be chaired by Dr. Richard Appeldoorn and moderated by  
Atty. Jocelyn D'Ambrosio.

### **Special Accommodations**

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